Puthericandam channel from Pazhavangadi to Kannamoolai will constitute the Low Level Zone, the rest of the Water Supply Town constituting the High Level Zone. Under the scheme the minimum terminal pressure at the road levels will be 30 feet head of water so that it will be possible to provide taps in the first floors of buildings on the road sides.

3. The estimated cost of the full scheme is Rs. 52·97 lakhs. It is proposed to carry out the pipe laying in the Town Distribution system alone in two stages. The portion of the Water Supply Town where the distribution system is proposed to be treated as the 2nd stage comprise the outlying parts which are now sparsely populated. This work will therefore be taken up one or two years after the 1st stage is completed and water supply started. The estimated expenditure for the 1st stage is Rs. 46·60 lakhs.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* ARRESTS AT SUCHINDRAM.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Sir, I beg permission to move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance.

[The member then handed over the notice of his motion to the Deputy President.]

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Joseph has put into my hand copy of a motion asking for permission to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the situation caused by the arrests of the loyal subjects of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent who were using the public road leading to the Suchindram Village.

Is that matter pending before the Magistrate?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes. That is my information.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then I have to disallow the motion, Mr. Joseph. Under the Rules no motion for adjournment can be made if it deals with a matter on which a resolution could not be moved. That is Rule 19. Rule 33 lays down that any matter under adjudication by a Court of Law having jurisdiction in Travancore cannot be permitted to be discussed in the Council.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is under adjudication by the Court, Sir?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question of the arrests and trial of these persons referred to in the motion is *sub judice*. Some people have been arrested and Mr. Joseph's complaint is about the situation caused by the arrests of the loyal subjects of Her Highness.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are we concerned with those cases after all? I think we are concerned with the policy of the Government, about the using or non-using of the road by certain people. That is not pending before a Court of Law.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: But Mr. Joseph wants to discuss the situation caused by the arrests of the loyal subjects of Her Highness.

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The question that is now raised does not relate to the inherent rights of the subjects of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent to use the public roads in the State. As I understand the adjournment motion, it signifies the disapproval of this House in the matter of the procedure adopted by the Government in arresting certain people who in the opinion of some members were exercising a legal right. As I said a little while ago, that is a matter which is before a Court of Law, and as such it is *sub judice*. According to all accepted canons, a resolution cannot be moved on a matter which is *sub judice*. If a resolution cannot be moved on that subject you cannot move the adjournment of the business of the House thereon. Therefore I disallow the motion.

LEGISLATION.

FINAL READING OF THE CENSUS BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Census Bill be finally read and passed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): I oppose the motion. According to Standing Order 42, after the second reading of a Bill the member in charge of it may move that it may be taken up and passed at a subsequent *meeting*. What I wish to submit for your consideration is, Sir, that this is not a meeting subsequent to the one which took place yesterday. All these form part of the same meeting.

There is much difference between a *meeting* and a *sitting for a day*. That could be seen by a comparison of Standing Order No. 3 (*b*) and Standing Order No. 7 (1). Standing Order No. 3 (*b*) says that the Secretary shall at least fourteen clear days before the date fixed for each meeting send to every member a provisional list of legislative business to be brought forward at such meeting. After sending such provisional list, the Secretary shall send to every member a statement of the business to be transacted at such meeting so as to reach his permanent or Trivandrum address at least three days before the date of each meeting.

Standing order No. 7 (1) says that a list of business for the day shall be prepared by the Secretary and circulated to all the members.

What I am submitting, Sir, is that a meeting comprises a continuous sitting of the Council for a number of days until it is adjourned *sine die*.

If we refer to Standing Order 9 we would find that the first hour of every sitting shall be available for the asking and answering of questions. It is therefore clear, there also, that distinction is drawn between 'sitting' and 'meeting'. Standing Order 5 (1) says:—

'While in session, the Council, shall, subject to the direction of the Dewan, ordinarily sit at 11·30 A. M.'

I shall also refer to Legislative Council Rule 19 (1) where it is stated that not more than one adjournment motion shall be made at the same *sitting*.

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